

WHAT MAKES FOR SUCCESS OR FAILURE IN FARMING

(Written Specially For The Bulletin) necessitated some ditching and some changes in the house-a small addition There are some successful farmers; few of them, here and there, scat-

There are some unsuccessful farm-ers; rather a lot of them, to judge by What makes the difference?

men themselves-those are harder to

One might about as well ask what made the difference between Bill Shakespeare and Bill Skeezicks.

You'll parden me if 1 don't go on digging into the hidden things of mind and soul after explanations why one farmer fails where another wins out.
Such matters are too deep for me.
But there are certain things about the methods of different farmers, things right on the surface which anybody can see, which are proper sub-fects for discussion.

The longer I live and farm it, and the longer I associate with other farmers, the stronger grows my con-viction that one of the very most po-tent causes of loss and failure to many of us is our lack of attention to the small details of our business. I not the only one. I don't want to

sartin—that it's liable to change any hour—that nobody can foretell it with any degree of surety (at least nobody ever has)—that we can work when it is propitious and that we can't do much when it is stormy.

It's an old saying that the farmer must make hay when the sun shines. The meaning is that he is dependent upon the chances of the weather for his ability to make that crop. Of course he is. He might, if he didn't care for the soaking, mow his grass in the rain. But he can't make hay out of it till the rain stops and the sun comes out. He hasn't any sort of control of that solar proceeding, either. The rain rains when it pleases, and the sun shines when it chooses, and the haymaker takes his luck as it comes. He hasn't anything whatever to say about what it shall be or how it shall come. All he can do is It's an old saying that the farmer

really mere puppets in the hands of the meterological forces.

"Wai." he answered, it is guess it'll have to wait a week or so." He was working at odd jobs at the time, things which might safely have been postponed, all of them. He kept right on. Three nights afterward the frost came; not merely a frost, but a freeze which made ice and which killed his corn dead as last year's bird's nests, I don't know that it hurt the corn kernels themselves much, but it cut one dollar cut of every two dollars' worth of stalks for fodder. And he keeps cows. And he's short of hay.

Aidn't he attend to certainly the habit of putting one.

that corn, when the weather was right and the corn was right and he had the

mer of have water piped into his house and a bath room installed. This

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changes in the house—a small addition among other things. He proceeded to start the job, and then went to doing other things. At least the contractors did. To do him justice, it should be said that he urged them to get things along while the warm weather held. But they langhed. "Oh, it'll be fine for weeks, yet," they said. Then with about two hours warning the North Pole got busy. Frost came: That's quite a question.. I doubt if there is any complete answer to it. It involves a great many factors, both within and without the farmer himself. Some of those factors of external bearing we may, perhaps, bunt had bearing we may, perhaps, bunt all bearing we may, perhaps, bunt all bearing we may be the subjective ones, those But the subjective ones, those some reversal of weather they will be before next spring. If they are, it will be simply the cause some reversal of weather they will be simply spring. because some reversal of weather conditions makes it possible to do, with much effort and hurry, what might and should have been done weeks ago in comfort and at leisure.

> So It goes, and so it is. These are only two chance illustra-

tions of a rather common sort of pro-The weather is fine one day and people can't ever seem to that it may not be just the tomorrow. Instead of watching same tomorrow. Instead of watching the sun and taking advantage of its shining, they assume that it will shine when they want it to "There's anoth-er day coming," is their frequent re-

So there is—another day, which may be as good as the present and may just as likely be a drizzle or a snow

So far as my experience and observation go, they lead me to think that the thriftiest farmers about me are those who use the good weather when they have it to their fullest capacity not the only one. I don't want to be understood as saying that it is the most important one. But it is one which in looking over the whole ground, musn't be ignored. And, as I said, the longer I observe it, the larger it looms in my sight.

Take, for illustration, the one matter of weather conditions. We all know that the weather is mighty on-saring that it's liable to change any

minor matter.. In a sense it is, But after all, there are no really "minor" matters in the combination which matters in the combination which makes for success. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link. No method of farming is any more effec-tive than its least efficient detail.

There's no room in our business for any "happy-go-lucky", ways. We are really slaves of the weather. We must take it as it comes. We must use it when it is good and dodge it when it is bad—if we can. We can't control it. We can't safely trust it. What it permits us to do we must do, while the permission is in operation. tion. There's no guarantee of any tomorrow in the field. What I do today I'm sure of. What I may or may not be able t odo tomorrow is other proposition.

when the old darkey's roof leaked to take it and make what he can do is to take it and make what he can of it. In other words, he is absolutely and wholly dependent upon the freak-ishness of the weather.

In this matter of haying, most farmers act on this understanding. But in lots of other farm details, many seem to ignore the fact that they are really mere puppels in the hands of

Neighbor Waterhouse had a pretty good field of corn this fall. When it got along about time to think of possible frosts, I said to him: "Aren't you goin' to cut that corn pretty soon?" "Wai." he answered, "it's doin' pretty well where 'tis, yet, 'nd I guess it'll have to wait a week or so." He was working at odd jobs at the time.

As a matter of theory, we all of us know that the weather is uncertain and that we are more or less dependent on it, but as a matter of fact and of practice, too many of us are like that old darkey. When the day is stormy, of course, we can't work. When it is fair, then we think that the work can safely be left till "to-morrow," "next week," "some other time."

And certainly the habit of putting off till tomorrow what can be done today is a bad habit in farming as

and the corn was right and time?

Goodness knows: I don't.

He went at it like a wiid man and worked from daylight till after dark cutting and stooking it—after the damage had been done.

Yet he's lived long enough in New England weather to know that it is as tricky as a circus mule and as mean as a copperhead snake.

I don't claim that, if every poor farm-should promptly give over all procrastination and as mean as a copperhead snake.

I do all his work ahead of time rather than behind it or even just on it—I don't presume to prophesy that he would at once become rich.

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# **NEW LONDON'S POLICE FORCE**

John Hogan First Policeman to Resign With Honor-Going to Be Superintendent of Plant Building - Efforts in Behalf of Paid Fire Department.

Mr. Hogan's resignation and the death of Policeman Thomas Kieley leaves two vacancies in the regular force that will probably be filled at a meeting of the court of common council to be held next Monday evcouncil to be held fiext Monday ev-ening. It is understood that four su-pernumeraries and one who has per-formed duty as a private officer are candidates for the places, but none have received assurance that the ap-pointments are coming to them. It pointments are coming to them. It is cock sure that only two will be favored. The police committee will make the nominations to the council make the nominations to the council and it is but fair to presume that the committee's nominees will be appointed. Among the andidates are at least two that are well qualified for police work, and there is hope on the part of the people that actual fitness will be given consideration rather than political influence.

The police committee, perhaps with the apprebation of the captain of police, and perhaps not, have assigned the policemen to a change in beats for the ensuing quarter, which has been in vogue for some time, but with doubts in some quarters whether these changes increase the general efficiency of the force. It is noticed that the three beats in the lower section of the city, the southern part, are now permanent beats and are filled by Policemen Sheehan, Waterman and Murphy. The Sheehan, or Pequot beat has always been of the permanent orphy. The Sheehan, or Pequot beat has always been of the permanent order ever since Tim Sheehan was added to the force and that was many years ago. His home is in that section and as it is a long, long way from the police station, he was not required to report himself off duty in person, thereby giving longer police protection to the Pequot section.

John Hogun has the distinction of being the first policeman to resign with honor from the New London force, although the force has been in existence ever since the dark days of 1861. He resigned to accept the superintendency of the 'new Plant huilding, a more lucrative and pleasing position than that of a guardian of the peace and subjected to the criticism of every citizen of the towns who visit the 'best little city in the country'. Since the traffic laws have been in force, Mr. Hogan has been assigned during the summer months as traffic officer at the corner of Bank and even temperament and with full studying the summer months as traffic officer at the corner of Bank and even temperament and with full knowledge of, his duties of failtful huilding possessed of cool judgment and even temperament and with full knowledge of his duties of failtful huilding reformance. He was born right fere in New London and the residents are the period selected for calculation was that are few that have not some acquaintance with the retiring position and the residents are few that have not some acquaintance with the retiring policeman, and all have, a good word for the genial "Jack" Hogan.

Mr. Hogan's resignation and the least forty years.

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The loss per capita is a scheme of the underwriters and fire-preventive agitators, but is not a fair test of the efficiency of the fire fighters, paid or efficiency of the fire fighters, paid or volunteers, as many of the fires in the larger cities get away from the very hest of paid fire departments, just as do some fires in smaller places from the volunteer firemen and they could get beyond the control of the firemen just the same were they paid or volunteer men. If the efflows who prepared the fire table losses per capita for the period recently given out ita for the period recently given out for publication, would not confine their work to a selected period and a comparatively short one at that, they would find that the fire losses in New would find that the fire losses in New London were infiniteesimal in comparison, per capita, with fire losses in other cities with modern upto-the-minute paid fire departments. But fairness in that line would not suit their purpose of the compilers who are pronounced advocates of paid fire departments, and who place all the voluntees departments as of the same class, and without regard to equipment and general efficiency.

While New London has a volunteer department of eight companies and five equipped with motor-driven apparatus, it claims to have a department the equal at last of many paid fire departments in cities the size or even larger than New London, and that none are more efficient or conducted on a more economical basis. The city has a working force of fire-men larger than any other city in the state and there is always an adequate The Murphy beat is near Ocean beach end, and of course, he could not be expected to walk nearly four miles after his night's work, to report off duty. Waterman has the beat just to the north of Sheehan's and he, too, gives protection to his own home as well as to all others in the territory which he patrols. These permanent beats are approved by the police committee, but they do not seem inclined to make all the other beats in the city permanent, in order that policemen can become familiar with all that is going on that violates law. to make all the other beats in the city permanent. In order that policemen can become familiar with all that is going on that violates law. As it is now the police become acquainted with a neighborhood, can tell the stranger from the resident, when off they go to other parts of the city in exchange with beats as ordered by the committee. It must be the beat plan or it would not be continued by the police committee. wrote authoritatively upon the sanctum wall this order: "When shy on local news knock the police; but praise the firemen." It now seems to Semi-occassionally writers in local be a case of knock both the police sewspapers come out strong in favor and firemen.

# LETTERS FROM TWO STATES

## **Tolland County** ANDOVER

Rev. Walter E. Lanphear Speaks at Congregational Church-C. E. Society's Social.

Rev. Walter E. Lanphear spoke at the Congregational church last Sunday evening en The Task That Lincoln Left Us. There was a moderate at-

The C. E. society held a social in the town hall last evening. The com-mittee in charge were Hazel Rose, Edith Lockett and John Linnell. Charles: L. Wright and his family from Chicago, are occupying the farm which Mr. Wright bought from L. A. Richards. Mr. Wright is making ex-tensive alterations, which includes the putting in of a new water supply. Royal D. Webster has returned to his work in Hartford, after a few days' illness at home.

Move to Vernon Center. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith have mov

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith have mov-ed from their farm on Columbia Dam road, which they recently sold to Hartford purchasers, to Vernon Cen-ter, where they have purchased a

farm.

Mrs. Pratt, daughter of Mrs. Evans, who underwent an operation in St. Joseph's hospital, Willimantic, last Monday, is reported as doing well.

A large number of Thanksgiving guests were entertained in town.

Miss. Clara Stone is acting as house-keeper at H. A. Thompson's until December 10, when harmannt, Mrs. Button, will take the permanent position there. there.
The water problem still remains

Washington County, R. I.

family of Westerly and their daughter, Mrs. William Hammond, of Wickford, who was accompanied by Mr. Ham-mond and their little daughter Ruth, on Thankseiving day on Thanksgiving day.

Miss Annie Stillman of Providence spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Crandall.

Gone to Stamford. Miss Lottle Burdick has gone to Stamford to stay for an indefinite time at the home of her brother, Frof. O. E. Burdick.

## HOPKINTON

First in Series of Social Gatherings Held-Guests at Husking.

Ex. Lieut-Gov. and Mrs. E. R. Allen were guests of B. Franklin Babcock and family Thanksgiving day.

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J. P. Larnard returned home Saturday after spending a week with
their children in New York and Con-

A. W. Kenyon was a caller in Providence Wednesday.
J. C. Cahoone of Wakefield was here

Sunday.

The Sunday school is preparing to hold a Christmas concert and tree.

Fred Clark and family of Arctic spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Esther Kenyon, mother of Mrs. Clark.

C. A. Woodmansee and family, of Mingston spent Thanksgiving at F. C. Kingston spent Thanksgiving at J. C.

Kingston spent Thanksgiving at J. C. Webster's.
Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Webster, jr., have returned to their home at Read-ville, Mass.
Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Wilcox and son of New London, Joseph Henderson of Hopkinton and Mrs. M. Damarel and two daughters of Westerly were callers here Thanksgiving day

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Dr. Webster and son George of Westerly were visitors at Dr. Kenyon's terly were visitors at Dr. Kenyon's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Fannie Bicknell is visiting her niece at Readville, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kenyon were at Wakefield Sunday.

Archie Kenyon and D. B. Knight were callers on friends at Wakefield Sunday afternoon.

## LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. AT A COURT OF PROBATE HELB at Norwich, within and for the District of Norwich, on the 4th day of Decem-ber, A. D. 1914.

NOTICE—All creditors of said de-ceased are hereby notified to present their claims against said estate to the undersigned at 337 Main St., Nor-wich, Conn., within the time limited in the above and foregoing order. JOHN F. RING, dec5d Administrator.

dec5d

Administrator.

AT A COURT. OF PROBATE HELD at Norwich, within and for the District of Norwich, on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1914.

Present—NELSON J. AYLING, Judge Estate of Josephine Yuszczerk, inte of Franklin, in said District, deceased, Michael Yuszczerk of Franklin, Conn., appeared in Court and filed a petition praying, for the seasons therein set forth, that administration be granted upon the estate of said deceased, areged to be intestate.

Whereupon, it is Ordered, That said petition be heard and determined at the Probate Court Room in the City of Norwich, in said District, on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1914, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and that notice of the pendency of said petition, and of said hearing thereon, be given by the publication of this order one time in some newspaper having a circum—on in sais District at least five days prior to the date of said hearing, and that return be made to this Court.

NELSON J. AYLING, Judge.

The above and foregoing is a true copy of record.

Attest: FANNIE C. CHURCH. FANNIE C. CHURCH. Clerk.

At the home of her brother, Prof. O. B. Burdick.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Sibley of Richmond were callers at Woodcrest on Thanksgiving day.

Farewell Sermon.

Rev. A. G. Crofoot preached his farswell sermon here last Saturday, closing his labors at the Seventh-day Baptist church, of which he has been pastor for the past three and one-half years. The people here very much respected to have him go, but he felt called to another field. He left here Monday morning for his new home at West Edmeston, N. Y.

Mrs. Emory C. Kenyon and two sons were callers at Cedar Valley farm. Woody Hill, Saturday afternoon.

Clayton Kenyon started Monday morning for Easton, Mass., where he will be employed on a farm.

Miss Marion Pendleton was a caller at Woodcrest Sunday.

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AT A COURT OF PROBATE HELD at January Ondoff of Providence were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Greene.

AT A COURT OF PROBATE HELD at January One Richard Court of Propagate of Adeline A. Gardiner, late of Griswold, in said District, deceased. Edward M. Anthony of Griswold, in said District, at least will and testarbother. The probate Court Room in the City of Norwich, in said District, on the 9th day of December. A. D. 1914, at 11 of the probate Court Room in the City of Norwich, in said District, or the probate.

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AT A COURT OF PROBATE HELD t Lebanon, within and for the District f Lebanon, on the 31st day of October, Present — ALBERT G. KNEELAND, Judge.
Estate of Charles R. Strong, late of Lebanon, in said District, deceased.
Anna ... barong, Executrix.
Ordered, That six months from the date hereof be, and the same are, limited and allowed for the creditors to bring in their claims against said estate, and the Executrix directed to give public notice to the creditors of said estate to bring in their claims within said time allowed, by posting a copy of the order on the public signpost nearest the place where the deceased last dwelt, within the same Town, and by publishing the same once in some newspaper having a circulation in said Probate District, and return make to this Court o. the notice given. Present - ALBERT G. KNEELAND

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ROCKVILLE

Serious Woodland Fire Attributed to Garciessness of Hunters Rev. A. J. Grofoot's Farswell Sermon.

Excitement was caused in this village and vicinity Thanksgiving day towards night by a forest fire which started on the Fenner land and spread very rapidly, as the wind was blowing hard from the southwest. It was finally subdued as it came towards the road near the-residence of Amos Kenyon. Witter Blake of New York, and Miss Susanne Kingston, of New London, were Thanksgiving guests at the home of Daniel E. Blake.

Rev. A. E. Witter, of Hopkinton City, preached the Thanksgiving strument in the Ashaway church Thursday evening. Rev. A. G. Crofoot and Rev. E. P. Mathewson were present and assisted in the services.

George La Flash and Miss Ellianded their son, Samuel Q. Barbar and Improvements is to be held at intervals of two weeks during the winter; the first one was held at the home of Charles N. Kenyon. November 18th: and the second, December 2d, at the home of Walter D. Kenyon. Music, literary exercises and social intercourse occupied the time.

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